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Dworshak seeks public comments on Corps proposal for state grant for Grandad boat launching ramp extention, parking lot

Orofino, Idaho -- Recreation and natural resources officials at Dworshak Dam are requesting public comments on a grant proposal which would improve year-round access to water-based recreation.

"The grant money is being requested from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and would allow the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to extend the Grandad boat launching ramp on Dworshak Reservoir and create a new low water parking area. The money would come from the state's Waterways Improvement Fund, if the \$150,000 grant application is approved," said Paul Pence, who manages the Corps' parks associated with Dworshak.

The proposal is to extend the boat ramp approximately 500 feet to improve access for sportsman. The plan also calls for construction of a parking area near the low water level. Extending the ramp and developing a new parking area will enable launching at Grandad for an extra six months of the year during most years. It will also allow for large boat launching

Recreation officials add that extending could increase visitor safety and convenience by providing an improved ramp and preventing some vehicles getting stuck in dirt and mud or hung up on wet, slippery rocks. The improved ramp could also speed response times for emergency services and park rangers.

For further details, or to submit comments on the proposal, call the natural resources staff at (208) 476-1250. Comments can also be mailed to: Natural Resources Section, Dworshak Dam and Reservoir, Natural Resources Section (ATTN: Grandad Grant Proposal), P.O. Box 48, Ahsahka, ID 83520.

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